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PROMOTION OF SILVER FILIGREE
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government is aware of the popularity of silver filigree of Cuttack across the country;

(b) : if so, whether there is a great demand of silver filigree in international market; and

(c): if, so the steps taken to promote silver filigree in the country and abroad in order to earn foreign exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c): The following steps have been taken to promote silver filigree in the country and abroad by Development Commissioner

(Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, State Govt. of Orissa and Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries:

(i) Silver filigree artisans are financed under the Scheme of Rehabilitation of Handicraft Artisans (RHA) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

(ii) Artisans are sponsored to participate in State level exhibitions and at India International Trade Fair for Indian, as well to foreign buyers.

(iii) Silver filigree is displayed in permanent show houses of handicraft items at important cities in the country.

(iv) Design development and skill upgradation training programmes are organized under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasta Silpa Vikas Yojana of DC (Handicrafts) and State Institute for Development of Arts & Crafts Bhubaneswar.